

**EXHIBIT A**

STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF NASSAU  
COUNTY COURT : MINEOLA

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

NOTICE OF MOTION

-against-

JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS,

SCI No. 2400N/09

Refer to: Hon. James McCormack

Defendant.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed affirmation of Thomas F. Liotti,, attorney for the defendant, dated April 16, 2015, together with the affidavits of Jose DeJesus Granados, sworn to April 16, 2015, the affidavit of Lucia Tobon, sworn to April 13, 2015, the affidavit of Leyda Cruz, sworn to April 13, 2015 and upon all prior proceedings heretofore had herein, the undersigned will move this Court, Nassau County Court, 262 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York 11501 on May 11, 2015 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon thereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard for an order as follows:

1. Why an order, pursuant to C.P.L. §440.10(1)(h) should not be made and entered herein vacating the conviction of Jose DeJesus Granados and dismissing the conviction or, alternatively, ordering a new trial for him in all respects; and
2. For such other and further relief as may seem just and proper to the Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the defendant, Jose DeJesus Granados, reserves his right, pursuant to C.P.L. §255.20(2), to make all further motions predicated upon the

answer to the instant motion.

Dated: Garden City, New York

April 16, 2015



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STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF NASSAU  
COUNTY COURT : MINEOLA

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

-against-

AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT

JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS,

SCI No. 2400N/09

Defendant.

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THOMAS F. LIOTTI, ESQ., an attorney duly admitted to practice in the courts of the State of New York, does hereby affirm the following under penalties of perjury:

1. I am the attorney for the above named defendant, and as such I am fully familiar with the facts of this case and submit this affirmation in support of the defendant's Motion to vacate his judgments of conviction and dismissing the convictions, or, in the alternative, ordering a new trial. I am not aware of any prior CPL §440 motions having been filed or if any direct appeals or writs of error *coram nobis* and *habeas corpus* having been previously filed by this defendant *pro se* or by any other attorney.

2. Upon information and belief, the defendant is currently incarcerated in the Nassau County Correctional Center under Case No. 15-MJ-00228(SIL) where he has been in custody since March 12, 2015 and where it is alleged that he is an alien who was previously denied admission and deported but who is alleged to have returned to the United States without permission in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§1326(a) and 1326(b). A copy of the federal felony complaint is attached as Exhibit "A". The defendant has not yet been indicted. I am representing him on those federal charges as well.

3. The defendant's date of birth is December 25, 1975 and his native country is El

Salvador. He is not a United States citizen.

4. I have been retained to represent the defendant in regard to the vacatur of his pleas, sentence and convictions here in Nassau County, New York. I have also been retained to represent him with respect to the federal charges against him but not his immigration matters which will follow. Accordingly, I have inspected his Court files in the County Court Clerk's Office. Defendant was previously convicted of felony charges in New York and is herewith moving to vacate those pleas and sentences. He has not made application to do so since the Supreme Court of the United States' holding in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 130 S.Ct. 1472 (2010). That case provided that a failure to advise a defendant of the collateral consequences of his plea including deportation is ineffective, thus violating a defendant's Sixth Amendment rights under the Constitution of the United States.

5. Upon information and belief, the defendant-movant has a family here in the United States including wife, Leyda Carolina Cruz, a permanent resident and Valeria Emely Granados, a child with his wife, age 13. On September 16, 2014 the movant initiated, *pro se*, a divorce action against his wife in Nassau County Supreme Court, Index No. 2014-202726. The movant's wife and daughter reside in Carle Place, New York. The complaining witness Michelle Reyes is the daughter of the movant's wife's sister. It is contended that the alleged victim was put up to fabricating the story by the movant's wife and her sister because the movant has been estranged from his wife for eight to nine years.

6. The question in this case is whether his pleas and sentences here in New York either because they were entered in violation of *Boykin v. Alabama*, 395 U.S. 238 (1969) and not in conformance with our State standard of *People v. Harris*, 61 N.Y.2d 9, 471 N.Y.S.2d 61

(1983) and secondly, the defendant was not advised of the collateral consequences of his pleas and sentences here in New York and whether *Padilla, supra* should be given retroactive effect in this case.

7. Prior to November 17, 1990 the United States law would allow someone such as the defendant to become a permanent resident if he had lived in the United States for seven years. In 1990 §212(c) of the Nationality Act (INA) prohibited a long standing permanent resident to have a legal status here if convicted of an aggravated felony and having served five (5) years in jail. The defendant was never apprised of his eligibility to apply for permanent residence or how subsequent enactments such as the Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of April 24, 1996 and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 have made re-entry into the United States and permanent legal residence here nearly impossible to achieve. See also, *Rankine v. Reno*, 319 F.3d 93 (2003); *Vartelas v. Holder*, 132 S.Ct. 1479 (2012) and *U.S. v. Gill*, 748 F.3d 491 (2014).

8. The defendant has been incarcerated for a month and has a severe economic hardship warranting a vacatur of these charges and a dismissal of them. See an Editorial, Locked Away in Immigration Jails, The New York Times, February 24, 2014 at A18 attached hereto as Exhibit "B". See also, John Eligor and Damien Cave, Paying Price, 16 Years Later for an Illegal Entry, The New York Times, March 20, 2014 at 17 and 18.

9. The defendant is now claiming actual innocence; a violation of his Constitutional rights and a necessity defense in that our failed immigration policies force millions to live and work under the radar in order to survive economically.

10. The defendant's prior criminal history now the subject of this motion involves

pleas of guilty to two E felonies before Justice McCormack on November 12, 2009 (a copy of those minutes are attached as Exhibit "C") with sentencing thereafter on January 9, 2010 (a copy of those minutes are attached as Exhibit "D"). The defendant's original docket number on the felony complaint was 15998/2009. The Judge was Hon. James P. McCormack. A copy of the defendant's certificate of disposition is attached hereto as Exhibit "E". The defendant was sentenced to time served (he was arrested on June 22, 2009); ten years of probation; an order of protection was entered; the defendant was determined to be a Level One Sex Offender and fully paid \$1,425 for a Crime Victim's Assistance Fee; DNA registration; a surcharge and Sex Offender Registration of \$1,050.00. The defendant was then deported.

11. He was represented by counsel but not given all of his *Boykin* rights or advised of the collateral consequences of his plea.

12. Since 1995 the CPL has provided that trial judges should advise an immigrant defendant of the possible deportation consequences of the plea. That was not done here in either of the defendant's two prior felony cases. On November 19, 2013 the New York Court of Appeals decided *People v. Peque*, 22 N.Y.3d 168, 980 N.Y.S.2d 280 (2013). The five Judge majority of the Court held that trial judges must caution non-citizen defendants that they may be deported before allowing them to plead guilty to a felony. Chief Judge Lippman and Judge Rivera held that the remedy of vacating the pleas was appropriate since due process rights were involved. See also, Spiros A. Tsimbinos, New York Court of Appeals Deals with Consequences of Padilla Decisions, NYSBA Criminal law Newsletter, Spring, 2014, vol. 12, no. 2 at 6 and 7.

13. The defendant also waived his right to appeal, not "knowingly, voluntarily or intelligently." Thus he did not perfect any appeals.

14. *Padilla* was not given retroactive effect in *People v. Baret*, 99 A.D.3d 408, 409 (1<sup>st</sup> Dept. 2012), 23 N.Y.2d 777, 992 N.Y.S.2d 738 (2015). See also, Sheila L. Baritista, Retroactivity of Padilla v. Kentucky in New York State, NYSBA New York Criminal Law Newsletter, Spring, 2014, vol. 12, no. 2 at 8 and 9 (attached hereto as Exhibit "F"). It appears that the *Baret* case may now be in direct appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

15. The failure to adequately advise a defendant of the fact that a plea of guilty would subject him to removal from the United States is violative of the rule established in *Boykin v. Alabama*, 395 U.S. 238, 89 S.Ct. 1709 (1969); see also, *U.S. v. Udeagu*, 110 F.R.D. 172 (1986) where it was determined that there are certain fundamental rights that every person accused of a crime has and which may only be waived "knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently". See also, *People v. Woodard*, 188 Misc.2d 7 (2002). In *Udeagu*, *supra* represented by this defense counsel, Judge Jack Weinstein found that the defendant had not been apprised of his post-release guidelines and vacated the plea.

16. Mr. Granados was denied many constitutional rights during these proceedings. The most important is effective assistance of competent counsel. Every defendant who faces criminal charges is entitled to effective assistance of competent counsel. See, *McMann v. Richardson*, 397 U.S. 759, 771 (1970), see also, *Reece v. Georgia*, 350 U.S. 85, 90 (1955), *Powell v. Alabama*, 287 U.S. 45 (1932). *McMann* defines effective assistance of counsel to be that which falls within the range of competence demanded of attorneys in criminal cases. However, the *McMann* standard is only one-half of the evaluation of the claim of effective assistance of counsel. In *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984) the Court developed a two prong standard for assessing the defendant's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel. The

first prong applied the *McMann* test, requiring the defendant to prove that “counsel’s representation fell below the objective standard of reasonableness.” *Id.* at 688. The second prong requires that the defendant show “there is a reasonable probability that but for counsel’s unprofessional errors, the result of the proceeding would have been different.” *Id.* at 694. Under Article I, Section 6 of the New York Constitution, the State of New York has developed a slightly different test for ineffective assistance of counsel from that employed by the Supreme Court in *Strickland v. Washington*. See, *People v. Claudio*, 629 N.E.2d 384, 386 (“nonetheless, the basic purposes and constitutional interests at stake under both constitutional guarantees of an adequate legal defense in a criminal case are the same. (1) the preservation of our unique adversarial system of criminal justice, the underlying supposition of which ‘is that partisan activity on both sides of the case will best promote the ultimate objective that the guilty be convicted and the innocent go free’ *United States v. Chronic*, 466 U.S. 648, 655, 104 S.Ct. 2039, 2045, L.Ed.2d 657 quoting from *Herring v. New York*, 422 U.S. 853, 862, 95 S.Ct. 2550, 2555, 45 L.Ed.2d 593 and (2) the corrective necessity to provide a defendant with an advocate sufficiently competent to ensure the fairness of the adversarial criminal process. *United States v. Morrison*, 449 U.S. 361, 364, 101 S.Ct. 665, 667, 66 L.Ed.2d 564.”) See also, *Jenkins v. Coombe*, 821 F.2d 158 (1987) where nominal representation was sufficient to set aside a conviction and *Lopez v. Scully*, 58 F.3d 38 (2d Cir.1995) where defense counsel ceased to advocate and the conviction was overturned. This defense counsel represented both defendants. This defense also represented *Jenkins* and *Lopez*, *supra*.

17. Ineffective assistance of counsel may “render a guilty plea involuntary, and hence invalid.” *Ventura v. Meachum*, 957 F.2d. 1048, 1058 (2d. Cir. 1992). See, *United States v.*

*George*, 869 F.2d. 333, 335-336 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1989) (An “accused who has not received reasonably effective assistance from counsel in deciding to plead guilty cannot be bound by that plea because a plea of guilty is valid only if made intelligently and voluntarily.”); *see also Downs-Morgan v. United States*, 765. F.2d. 1534 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985). Where a defendant is represented by counsel during the plea process and enters a plea upon the advice of counsel, the voluntariness of the plea depends on whether counsel’s advice was within the range of competence demanded of attorneys in criminal cases. *Hill v. Lockhart*, 474 U.S. 52 (1985). Mr. Jose DeJesus Granados did not have the benefit of effective assistance of counsel during his plea and sentencing. His legal representation was definitely not “within the range of competence demanded of attorneys of criminal cases” and granted to all people by the Sixth Amendment. See, *McMann* at 771. It also did not meet the initial prong of the *Baldi* test for effective assistance of counsel. See *People v. Baldi*, 54 N.Y.2d 137, 146, 444 N.Y.S.2d 893, 429 N.E.2d 400 (1981).

18. It is antithetical that if a lawyer violates his ethical duty to his client that he has provided effective assistance of counsel in his cause. The initial prong of the *Baldi* test for effective assistance of counsel requires that counsel advocate in a partisan manner on behalf of Mr. Granados. This did not happen. While representing Mr. Granados his former attorneys never advised him about the collateral consequences of deportation. As a result of this failure they failed to meet the initial prong of the *Baldi* case.

19. Mr. Granados’s former counselor also did not meet the second *Baldi* prong of effective assistance of counsel during his plea negotiations because his counsel did not provide him with sufficiently competent representation to ensure fairness. See *People v. Baldi*, 54 N.Y.2d 137, 146, 444 N.Y.S.2d 893, 429 N.E.2d 400 (1981). Mr. Granados’s counsel was clearly not

sufficiently competent to provide him with fairness in the adversarial criminal process nor did he even attempt to advocate zealously. They effectively forced Mr. Granados to take the pleas in order to dispose of the case expeditiously. This conduct violates multiple disciplinary rules and ethical codes of conduct. *See* DR 1-102 and 5-105(B).

20. It is very clear from the plea minutes attached to the defendant's motion herein that the defendant did not "knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently" admit to a prior felony conviction since minutes of it were not available, defense counsel failed to do a proper investigation and the Court did not make a proper inquiry.

21. Mr. Granados's pleas should be rendered involuntary because they did not meet the standard set forth in *Bradshaw v. Stumpf*, 545 U.S. 175 (2005) (a valid guilty plea requires that the defendant have a complete understanding of the charges against him or her). A guilty plea will be sustained in the absence of any factual recitation of the underlying circumstances of the crime if the pleading defendant is represented by *able* and active counsel, and there is no suggestion in the record that the plea was improvident or baseless. *People v. Nixon*, 21 NY2d. 338, 350 (NY 1967); *People v. Doceti*, 175 A.D.2d. 256 (2d. Dept. 1991); *cf. People v. Seeber*, 4 NY3d. 780 (NY 2005) (an explicit admission of guilt as to every element of the crime does not have to be incorporated into the allocution of every valid plea). However, Mr. Granados did not have able or effective counsel because he did not fully inform him of the effect of his guilty pleas, specifically that he would be subject to deportation. (See Granados affidavit annexed hereto)

22. The guilty plea tendered by the defendant was not knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently made in that his attorney did not apprise him of the probability that he could be deported, this constitutes ineffective assistance of counsel, *per se*.

23. Ultimately, what we are faced with in this situation is a non-lawyer, with a limited understanding of the law in general and an even more limited understanding of New York and immigration law, who, on the advice of counsel, simply pled guilty with absolutely no comprehension of the consequences of that plea, because his attorney did not advise him of same. The defendant's guilty plea is violative of the rule established in *Strickland*, *Boykin* and *Padilla* and should be given back. The defendant has less than an American high school education from El Salvador with no understanding of our culture, language or system of justice.

24. On March 31, 2010 the Supreme Court handed down a 7-2 decision in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 130 S. Ct. 1473 (2010). One of the cases relied upon in the instant CPL §440 motion, because Mr. Granados's former attorneys failed completely to advise their client about the effect a conviction for statutory rape with a level one sexual offender registration and ten (10) years probation would have on his ability to remain in this Country.

25. In *Padilla*, the Court held that a defense lawyer failed to provide his non-citizen client effective assistance of counsel pursuant to *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984) when he did not warn him that he was almost certain to be deported if he pled guilty. It was the first time the Court applied the *Strickland* standard to a lawyer's failure to advise a client about a consequence of conviction that is not part of the sentence imposed by the Court.

26. Defense counsels' lack of advisement with respect to deportation falls squarely under the *Strickland* ineffective assistance of counsel standard. A review of Mr. Granados's plea minutes makes clear that he was never advised, on the record, about any collateral consequences resulting from a guilty plea. As a result, Mr. Granados's removal status falls squarely under the decision in *Padilla*.

27. Had Mr. Granados been properly advised rather than simply being rushed to the slaughter, he certainly would have sought out other options including going to trial. As it stands, he is facing more jail and facing removal from the United States.

28. The People have historically also misread or misunderstood the holdings in *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984) and its state equivalent, *People v. Baldi*, 54 N.Y.2d 137, 444 N.Y.S.2d 893 (1981) in light of *Jenkins v. Coombe*, 821 F.2d 158 (1987) and *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 130 S.Ct.1473 (2010). *Jenkins* provides that merely nominal representation may be ineffective so that the two prong *Strickland*, *supra* test of a departure from customary practice or standards within the community that made a difference in the outcome has been supplemented by *Jenkins* and what is considered to now be the *per se* rule on collateral consequences.

29. *Jenkins* and *Padilla* also change the hereto ruling of the New York Court of Appeals in *People v. Harris*, 61 N.Y.2d 9, 471 N.Y.S.2d 61, 459 N.E.2d 170 (1983) which had held that there is “no catechism of rights of which a defendant must be afforded” at the time of his plea. Now the catechism exists.

30. Furthermore, it does not appear that a Spanish interpreter was properly sworn or even certified and at Mr. Granados’s plea and sentencing hearings.

31. At the time of his plea on November 12, 2009 the defendant was prosecuted by an SCI not a grand jury indictment. The defendant had no prior criminal record. He was not properly advised of his right to have the case presented to a grand jury where he could testify in his own behalf. See CPL §190.50. He was not informed of the role of the grand jury or that he could testify before it.

32. The defendant was not informed of the fact that the complainant was the only witness against him and that there was no rape kit evidence or DNA to corroborate the so-called victim's version of the event. See, 2004, Co-Author of DNA: Forensic and Legal Applications, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey.

33. Defense counsel did not advise his client of his right to go to trial or of his right to cross-examine the complainant. See, Liotti, Thomas F., Zeh, Christopher W. and Lapidus, Dr. Leah Blumberg, Cross-Examining Children in Sexual Abuse Cases, The Attorney of Nassau County, July, 2000 at 5, 12, 13 and 18; Liotti, Thomas F., The Cross Examination of Child Witnesses, Verdict, a Journal published by the National Coalition of Concerned Legal Professionals, Vol. 6, No. 4, October, 2000 at 11-21; Liotti, Thomas F., The Cross-Examination of Experts in Civil and Criminal Cases, The Attorney of Nassau County, September, 2005 at 3, 10 and 13 and Liotti, Thomas F. and Skelos, Peter B., Credibility Questions for Prosecution Experts On Syndromes in Cases of Rape, Child Abuse, Outside Counsel, New York Law Journal, April 20, 1989 at 1, 2 and 7.

34. There is no record of a supporting deposition or even of what the People were prepared to prove. There is no medical evidence indicated. Clearly the defendant's best defense of which he was not advised, was to deny the charges and subject the fifteen year old defendant to direct and cross-examination.

35. The defendant pled guilty to two E felonies and gained literally nothing by pleading guilty. Any competent defense counsel would have advised him to go to trial.

36. By pleading guilty to these charges, the defendant was subjected to jail (time served), probation; Level One Sex Offender registration requirements and mandatory deportation.

His attorney at the time consented to the Level One designation without a hearing. This ineffective assistance of counsel is remarkable but made even more so because the defendant showed literally no understanding of the plea and its collateral consequences.

37. The Court's perfunctory inquiry of the defendant and his allocution merely consisted of "yes" and "no" responses which did not verify that the defendant understood the nature and consequences of the plea or that he was entering it "knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently" especially since his attorney stood next to him and told him what to say.

38. On the issue of deportation the Court inquired:

The Court: Do you understand that by pleading guilty today in this case, your plea may result in deportation or denial of naturalization?

Defendant: Yes.

Record of November 12, 2009 at 5, lines 15-18.

39. The Court and defense counsel may not have been aware of it at the time but aside from the due economic conditions in El Salvador to which the defendant would be returned, the country is in a perpetual state of civil war. It is also engulfed by the highest crime rate in Central America including murder and gangs who threatened this defendant with death if he did not pay them.

40. The defendant was not aware of the statutory rape laws in this country and the complaining witness stalked him and repeatedly attempted to seduce him and showed him pictures of numerous naked men with whom she claimed to have had sexual relations.

41. Defense counsel did not file a §190.50 notice or retain an investigator. Defense counsel did not visit the scene or speak to any witnesses or even the police concerning his client.

He did not investigate whether there was any evidence of the alleged victim fabricating or of her motives to lie.

42. Neither the Court nor defense counsel demonstrated an understanding of deportation or that immigration counsel had even been consulted.

WHEREFORE, it is for the aforementioned reasons that the defendant moves this Court to grant the relief requested giving Mr. Granados his pleas back and for such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.

Dated: Garden City, New York

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015



THOMAS F. LIOTTI

STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF NASSAU  
COUNTY COURT : MINEOLA

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

## AFFIDAVIT

-against-

SCI No. 2400N/09

JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS,

Defendant.

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JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS, being duly sworn deposes and states the following to be true under the penalties of perjury:

1. I am the defendant in this matter where I am in jail at the Nassau County Correctional Facility due to my alleged wrongful re-entry into the United States following my involuntary deportation in 2010 which came after my pleas and convictions to the matters referred to herein.

2. I am innocent of the charges referred to herein but unfortunately had a lawyer who did not properly advocate for me.

3. I did not understand what was transpiring, my rights and the collateral consequences of my plea and sentence.

4. I was deported to my native country of El Salvador which is in a constant state of civil war and engulfed by gangs. I came to this country to escape from El Salvador where my life was threatened if I did not join the gangs. The gangs there told me that they would kill me and my family members if I did not join them. I told my attorney at the time, Mr. Thomas McCullough of these facts and that I should receive political asylum here but he did not protect me. The gangs were following me and two of my cousins after I had been deported. I came back to the United States to escape. My two cousins were killed by the gangs.

5. When I waived my rights to have my case presented to the grand jury, I had no idea what that meant.

6. I am not a violent person or a criminal. I believe that all women should be treated with the utmost respect regardless of their age.

7. The police attributed an oral statement to me which I never made, to wit: "The defendant admits to oral and sexual intercourse with the victim."

8. I was not given an opportunity to testify in the grand jury; I had no prior criminal record; there was no DNA or eyewitnesses; there was a single date involving alleged crimes by me, namely January 3, 2009. There were no lab or medical reports and there was a lengthy delay in the "cry out" by the victim of many months. I never even saw a supporting deposition by her. In fact I was never really accused by Michelle Reyes, the fifteen year old at the time. Instead, I was wrongfully accused by my wife's sister.

9. My attorney at the time was paid for by me but later was assigned to represent me on appeal pursuant to County Law §18-b. Yet he took no appeal and did not file any papers on my behalf.

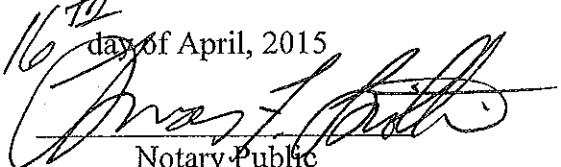
10. At the time of my plea, the Spanish interpreter was not translating. At the time of my sentence there was no Spanish interpreter even present.



JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS

Sworn to before me this

16 day of April, 2015



Notary Public

THOMAS F. LIOTTI  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02LI6030933  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Commission Expires Sept. 23, 20 18.

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JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS,

Defendant.

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LUCIA TOBON, being duly sworn deposes and states the following to be true under the penalties of perjury:

1. I am a friend of the defendant in this matter and speak both Spanish and English. I am a United States citizen. I have lived in the United States since 1988. I was married to the defendant's cousin.

2. I am acting as an interpreter for the defendant and his current lawyer, Thomas F. Liotti.

3. I have reviewed the plea and sentencing minutes for the defendant's prior case. I am certain that he was not fully advised of his rights by his lawyer or interpreter at the time. There were many words such as "naturalization" and procedures which he did not and does not understand.

*Lucia Tobon*  
LUCIA TOBON

Sworn to before me this

13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2015  
  
Jean M. Augusta  
Notary Public

JEAN M. LAGRASSE  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 30-4889304  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Commission Expires Oct. 31, 2018

STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF NASSAU  
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## AFFIDAVIT

-against-

SCI No. 2400N/09

JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS,

**Defendant.**

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LEYDA CRUZ, being duly sworn deposes and states the following to be true under the penalties of perjury:

1. I am the wife of the defendant herein and I reside at 467 Mineola Avenue, Carle Place, New York and I am also a permanent resident of the United States of America.

2. My sister is Mayra Cruz who is the mother of Michelle Reyes, the alleged victim in the underlying statutory rape case. Michelle Reyes is my niece.

3. I have been advised by my sister that my niece, Michelle Reyes, has been hospitalized at North Shore University Hospital and diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic with hallucinations for which she takes medication. She has also been diagnosed as bi-polar.

4. My sister also told me that sometime after the alleged rape on January 3, 2009 when it was reported to the police by her because my husband would not marry her daughter, my niece was taken to a medical doctor who determined that she was still a virgin. She also told me that a Detective Trujillo had investigated the case and was aware of the medical doctor's report

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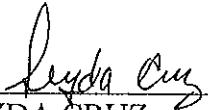
but did not disclose it to the defense.

5. I am aware that my niece was stalking my husband. He informed me of that fact. I reprimanded my niece for doing that and my sister and I argued about it to the point where we have not spoken since.

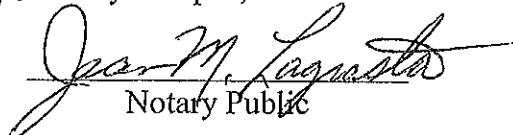
6. My husband is a good father and was a good provider. I do not believe that he had sex with my niece. He is a good man and I wish him only good will as he does me.

7. My niece sent text messages to a lot of men. I believe that she fabricated this story as well as others.

8. I am giving this affidavit to my husband's attorney by my own free will because it is the truth.

  
LEYDA CRUZ

Sworn to before me this

13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015  
  
Notary Public

JOAN M. LAGRASTA  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 30-400004  
Qualified to Nassau County  
Commissioned October 21, 2008

**EXHIBIT A**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMPLAINT

- against -

JOSE DE JESUS GRANADOS,  
also known as  
"Jose De Jesus Granados Benitez," and  
"Jose Benitez,"

(8 U.S.C. §§ 1326(a) and  
1326(b)(2))

Defendant.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, SS:

DENNIS CARROLL, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he is a Deportation Officer with the Department of Homeland Security, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

On or about March 12, 2015, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JOSE DE JESUS GRANADOS, also known as "Jose De Jesus Granados Benitez" and "Jose Benitez," being an alien who had previously been arrested and convicted of an aggravated felony, and was thereafter excluded and removed from the United States, and who had not made a re-application for admission to the United States to which the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, successor to the Attorney General of the United States, had expressly consented, was found in the United States.

(Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1326(a) and 1326(b)(2))

The source of your deponent's information and the grounds for his belief are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. I am a Deportation Officer with ICE and have been involved in the investigation of numerous cases involving the illegal reentry of aliens. I am familiar with the facts and circumstances set forth below from my participation in the investigation; my review of the ICE investigative file, including the defendant's criminal history record; and from reports of other law enforcement officers involved in the investigation.
2. On March 12, 2015, the defendant JOSE DE JESUS GRANADOS, also known as "Jose De Jesus Granados Benitez" and "Jose Benitez," was arrested by ICE officers.
3. ICE officials had run a criminal history report and found that the defendant, a citizen of El Salvador, had previously been removed from the United States on or about November 9, 2010.
4. On November 12, 2009, the defendant was convicted in Nassau County Court for Rape in the Third Degree, in violation of New York Penal Law § 130.25(2), and Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, in violation of New York Penal Law § 130.40(2), both aggravated felony offenses. The defendant was sentenced to ten years' probation for both convictions.
5. An ICE official determined that the defendant's fingerprints taken from his March 12, 2015 apprehension match those associated with his November 9, 2010 removal. Further, these fingerprints were submitted into the Integrated Automated Fingerprint

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<sup>1</sup> Because the purpose of this Complaint is to set forth only those facts necessary to establish probable cause to arrest, I have not described all the relevant facts and circumstances of which I am aware.

Identification System, which indicated that the fingerprints correspond to a unique FBI number that is associated with the defendant's November 9, 2010 removal and November 12, 2009 convictions.<sup>2</sup>

6. A search of immigration records has revealed that there exists no request by the defendant for permission from either the United States Attorney General or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to re-enter the United States after removal.

WHEREFORE, your deponent respectfully requests that the defendant JOSE DE JESUS GRANADOS, also known as "Jose De Jesus Granados Benitez" and "Jose Benitez," be dealt with according to law.

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DENNIS CARROLL  
Deportation Officer  
United States Immigration and Customs  
Enforcement

Sworn to before me this  
12nd day of March, 2015

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THE HONORABLE STEVEN I. LOCKE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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<sup>2</sup> Certified copies and comparisons of the defendant's fingerprint cards from the March 12, 2015, November 9, 2010, and November 12, 2009 incidents are currently pending.

**EXHIBIT B**

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## Locked Away in Immigration Jails

You can find examples of federal detainees held inexplicably for years without criminal charges or bond hearings much closer to home than Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

In Southern Florida, five Sri Lankan men were held without bond for more than three years as they sought asylum, saying they had been promised leniency in return for aiding a federal investigation of the smuggling ring that brought them into the country illegally. As The Times reported recently, the average stay for an immigrant in federal custody is a month.

In Springfield, Mass., a federal district judge in January ordered a bond hearing for a Jamaican immigrant and military veteran who had been held in Massachusetts jails, fighting deportation, for more than 15 months without ever receiving a bond hearing. The judge, Michael Ponsor, this month granted class-action status to all immigration detainees in Massachusetts who have been held without bond hearings for six months or more.

Last April, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in California, upheld a lower court's order requiring the government to grant bond hearings to immigrants who have been held six months without such a hearing. The American Civil Liberties Union, which had brought that class-action lawsuit, said the decision would potentially allow thousands of people to get a day in court across the Ninth Circuit, where an estimated one-fourth of all immigration detainees are held each year.

These rulings reflect the growing understanding — in the federal courts, if not at Immigration and Customs Enforcement — that the constitutional guarantee of due process demands that a detainee have a hearing within a “reasonable” time and that more than six months is not reasonable by any definition.

The Obama administration, in expanding the surge of immigration enforcement begun under President George W. Bush, has detained and deported nearly two million people. The overwhelming majority are dealt with swiftly and summarily, without ever receiving a hearing before an immigration judge. Others who challenge their deportation, like the Sri Lankans, wait for years to get a resolution of their cases. Still others, lacking aggressive lawyers, languish forgotten in federal lockups across the country.

Automatically granting bond hearings to immigration detainees, many of whom pose no threat, is the least the government can do. This does not mean their release is inevitable or even likely. And it doesn't mean that dangerous criminals would be let loose on the streets.

President Obama, who has repeatedly promised to do more to fix the broken immigration laws, on his own if necessary, can ensure that the six-month rule is adopted in immigration courts nationwide. Beyond granting bond hearings, the government should use more humane and cost-effective alternatives to detention, like ankle bracelets and home monitoring. Locking people up indefinitely is not a path to a more rational immigration system.

**EXHIBIT C**

1 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
2 COUNTY OF NASSAU : PART 48  
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4 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
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6 JOSE GRANADOS,  
7 -against-  
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SCI No. 2400N/09  
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DEFENDANT.  
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11 Mineola, New York  
12 November 12, 2009  
13

14 B E F O R E: HON. JAMES P. McCORMACK  
15 Acting Supreme Court Justice  
16

17 A P P E A R A N C E S:  
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19 HON. KATHLEEN RICE  
20 District Attorney of Nassau County  
21 BY: JOSEPH LaROCCA, ESQ.  
22 Assistant District Attorney  
23 For the People  
24

25 THOMAS MCKELLAR, ESQ.  
37-06 82nd Street  
Jackson Heights, New York 11372  
Attorney for Defendant  
26

27 ALSO PRESENT: Mercedes Lokich  
28 Official Spanish Interpreter  
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30 P L E A  
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32 Kathi A. Fedden  
33 Official Court Reporter  
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1 THE CLERK: People of the State of New York  
2 versus Jose Granados.

3 Appearances please, Counsel.

4 MR. MCKELLAR: Thomas McKellar, 37-06 82nd  
5 Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

6 MR. LaROCCA: ADA Joe LaRocca for the People.  
7 Good morning.

3 THE COURT: Good morning.

12 THE INTERPRETER: Mercedes Lokich, Spanish  
13 interpreter.

14 THE COURT: Good morning, Mercedes

15 THE CLERK: You are Jose Granados?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: I have been instructed by the  
18 Honorable James McCormack, sitting as a local criminal  
19 court judge, to advise you that you have the right to a  
20 felony hearing on the charges contained in this felony  
21 complaint. Do you waive the right to that felony  
22 examination and consent to this case being held for the  
23 action of the grand jury?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

25 THE COURT: All of you can have a seat.

1 MR. MCKELLAR: Thank you, Judge.

2 THE CLERK: The District Attorney of Nassau  
3 County has filed a Superior Court Information against  
4 you. Under the Constitution of the State of New York,  
5 you have the right to be prosecuted by indictment. Do  
6 you wish to waive that right and proceed by Superior  
7 Court Information?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: The waiver is approved.

10 THE CLERK: The District Attorney of Nassau  
11 County has filed Superior Court Information number 2400N  
12 of 2009 for the crimes of rape in the third degree and  
13 criminal sexual act in the third degree.

14 You are advised of your right to counsel  
15 throughout all stages of these proceedings and you are  
16 also advised that if you have any prior felony  
17 convictions, you may be subject to a mandatory term of  
18 imprisonment. How do you plead, guilty or not guilty?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

20 THE COURT: Before we affirm your plea,  
21 Mr. Granados, People do you want to be heard?

22 MR. LaROCCA: Yes, thank you, your Honor.

23 Your Honor, the defendant is charged under the  
24 Superior Court Information with one count of rape in the  
25 third degree and one count of criminal sexual act in the

third degree, both E felonies. The People anticipate  
pleas of guilty to both those charges in satisfaction of  
the charges under Docket 15998 of 2009.

In return for those pleas, the People  
recommend a probationary sentence, a stay away order of  
protection on behalf of the minor complainant in this  
case, the appropriate adjudication for the Sex Offender  
Registry Act and a waiver of the defendant's right to  
appeal.

10 The plea and the proposed sentence have been  
11 discussed with the complainant and the family and  
12 they're satisfied and willing to go forward under these  
13 circumstances. There have been no other promises. We  
14 recommend it as being in the interest of justice.

15 THE COURT: Mr. McKellar.

16 MR. MCKELLAR: Judge, the defense joins in all  
17 respects and my client has authorized me to enter a plea  
18 of guilty to both counts of the Superior Court  
19 Information.

20 (Whereupon, the defendant, Jose Granados, was  
21 duly sworn by the Clerk of the Court.)

22 THE COURT: I'm going to ask you a series of  
23 questions, Mr. Granados. If there is anything you do  
24 not understand, please tell me.

25 If at any point in time you need to speak to

1                   Mr. McKellar, your attorney, indicate that as well.

2                   I'm also going to ask that all your answers be  
3                   in Spanish, which will be interpreted to me in English  
4                   by the interpreter. Do we understand each other?

5                   THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

6                   THE COURT: How old are you?

7                   THE DEFENDANT: Thirty three.

8                   THE COURT: Do you read and write English?

9                   THE DEFENDANT: A little.

10                  THE COURT: Is Spanish your natural language?

11                  THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

12                  THE COURT: Are you a citizen of the United  
13                  States?

14                  THE DEFENDANT: No.

15                  THE COURT: Do you understand that by pleading  
16                  guilty today in this case, your plea may result in  
17                  deportation or denial of naturalization?

18                  THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

19                  THE COURT: What was the highest grade you  
20                  completed in school?

21                  THE DEFENDANT: High school.

22                  THE COURT: Do you feel in good physical and  
23                  mental health as you sit here today?

24                  THE DEFENDANT: Absolutely.

25                  THE COURT: Have you taken any drugs or

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1 alcohol within the past 24 hours?

2 THE DEFENDANT: No. \_\_\_\_\_

3 THE COURT: Have you ever been treated or  
4 confined to a hospital for any mental illness?

5 THE DEFENDANT: No.

6 THE COURT: Have you had enough time to speak  
7 to your lawyer before pleading guilty here today?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

12 THE COURT: Do you understand that you would  
13 have had right to a trial with the assistance of your  
14 lawyer, that the People would have had to prove your  
15 guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and that you would have  
16 the right to confront the witnesses against you, the  
17 right to call your own witnesses on your own behalf and  
18 the right to testify in your own defense, although you  
19 would not be required to do so?

20 Do you understand that by pleading guilty here  
21 today, you are giving up all these rights?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

23 THE COURT: Do you further understand that a  
24 plea of guilty is the same as a conviction after trial?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

1 THE COURT: Has anybody forced or threatened  
2 you to give up these rights?

3 THE DEFENDANT: No. \_\_\_\_\_

4 THE COURT: Now, do you further understand  
5 that you would have a right to appeal what's taken place  
6 here today to a higher Court for a review of what has  
7 occurred and that the district attorney, as part of the  
8 plea, is requiring that you waive your right to appeal,  
9 which means you cannot appeal to a higher Court for a  
10 review of what's happened here today both with respect  
11 to the plea, as well as the sentence? Do you understand  
12 that?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE COURT: And you have discussed your waiver  
15 of your right to appeal with your lawyer?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

17 THE COURT: Are you now voluntarily giving up  
18 your right to appeal?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

20 THE COURT: Has anybody forced or threatened  
21 you to give up that right?

22 THE DEFENDANT: No.

23 THE COURT: Now, are you currently on  
24 probation or parole?

25 THE DEFENDANT: No.

1 THE COURT: Have you previously been convicted  
2 of a felony prior to today?

3 THE DEFENDANT: No.

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Now, under this Superior Court  
11 Information you are charged with one count of rape in  
12 the third degree under Penal Law Section 130.25 --

13 MR. LaROCCA: Subdivision two.

14 THE COURT: Subdivision two, which is a class  
15 E felony for which you could have faced a maximum  
16 sentence of one-and-a-third to four years in prison; do  
17 you understand that?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Do you understand what the  
3 original charges were and what you face in terms of a  
4 possible sentence?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Now, I have had a discussion with  
7 your attorney and the district attorney and based upon  
8 that discussion, my promise and commitment with respect  
9 to your sentence would be a period of probation not to  
10 exceed five years on each. You would be required to  
11 register as a person convicted of a sex offense and I  
12 would be issuing a stay away order of protection on  
13 behalf of the complainant in this case. Do you  
14 understand that?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Other than that promise, has  
17 anyone made any different promise to you?

18 THE DEFENDANT: No.

19 THE COURT: Now, I am going to be ordering a  
20 presentence probation report. Should that probation  
21 report come back and recommend jail time or for any  
22 reason after reviewing that probation report I cannot or  
23 choose not to honor my promise and commitment with  
24 respect to your sentence, I will give you the  
25 opportunity to take back your plea and you can proceed

1 to trial; do you understand that?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

3 THE COURT: Further, if you fail to appear for  
4 sentence, if you fail to cooperate with the Probation  
5 Department or if you get arrested for a new crime  
6 between today and your sentence date, then my commitment  
7 as to your sentence will be off. I will not be bound by  
8 my commitment and I can sentence you to anything up to  
9 the maximum, which is one-and-a-third to four years; do  
10 you understand that?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

12 THE COURT: Mr. LaRocca, you want to add  
13 something?

14 MR. LaROCCA: May we approach for one second?

15 THE COURT: Sure.

16 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the  
17 record.)

18 THE COURT: Mr. Granados, I stand corrected.  
19 With regard to your probationary sentence, it's a  
20 probationary sentence that will not exceed ten years,  
21 not five years; do you understand that?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

23 THE COURT: Having been told that and  
24 understanding that, do you still wish to go forward with  
25 your plea?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Directing your attention to the  
3 3rd day of January of this year, 2009 at 153 Cleveland  
4 Avenue in the town of Mineola, County of Nassau, State  
5 of New York, at that time did you have oral sex and  
6 sexual intercourse with a [name deleted]?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

8 THE COURT: And you knew or had reason to know  
9 that she was 15 years of age at that time?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

11 THE COURT: People, are you satisfied?

12 MR. LaROCCA: Yes, thank you, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Granados, are you prepared to  
14 plead guilty at this time?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Everything you told me here today  
17 the truth?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

19 THE COURT: The Court is satisfied that the  
20 defendant understands the nature of the charges, the  
21 possible consequences of his plea, the nature of the  
22 plea, as well as the nature of the charges; that he's  
23 discussed his legal rights with his attorney; that he  
24 understands he's waiving his constitutional rights and  
25 the plea is voluntary and of his own free will.

5 THE CLERK: Jose Granados, do you now affirm  
6 your plea of guilty to rape in the third degree and  
7 criminal sexual act in the third degree under SCI 2400N  
8 of 2009?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: How do you plead, guilty or not  
11 guilty?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

13 THE COURT: Mr. McKellar, how is January 8th  
14 for sentence?

15 MR. MCKELLAR: That's a good date, Judge.

16 THE COURT: 1/8/2010.

17 Mr. Granados, there is a new order of  
18 protection that I just signed that bears your signature.  
19 I understand you have gone over it with your attorney.

20 THE CLERK: I'm serving a copy of the  
21 temporary order of protection on the defendant, defense  
22 counsel and two copies on the district attorney's  
23 office.

24 MR. MCKELLAR: We acknowledge receipt.

25 MR. LaROCCA: People acknowledge receipt,

1 thank you.

2 THE CLERK: Mr. Granados, your case is being  
3 adjourned to January 8, 2010. If you fail to appear  
4 that day, your bail will be forfeited, a warrant will  
5 issue for your arrest, you will be subject to the charge  
6 of bail jumping and your case will proceed in your  
7 absence; do you understand?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE CLERK: You are also directed to report to  
10 probation to begin the pre-sentence investigation.

11 MR. MCKELLAR: Thank you.

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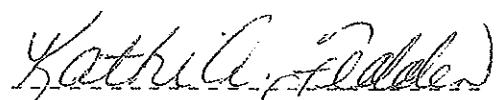
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19 true and accurate transcription of my  
20 stenographic notes in the above proceeding.

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**EXHIBIT D**

1 STATE OF NEW YORK : NASSAU COUNTY

2 SUPREME COURT : PART 36

3 -----X

4 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

5 -against-

SCI No. 2400N-09

6 JOSE GRANADOS,

7 Defendant.

8 -----X

9 SENTENCE

10 January 8, 2010  
11 252 Old Country Road  
Mineola, New York

12 B E F O R E :

13 HON. JAMES P. McCORMACK,  
14 Acting Supreme Court Justice

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16 A P P E A R A N C E S :

17 HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE  
18 Nassau County District Attorney  
19 BY: SILVIA FINKELSTEIN, ESQ., of Counsel  
Assistant District Attorney  
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21 THOMAS McCULLOUGH, ESQ.  
22 37-06 82nd Street  
Jackson Heights  
For the Defendant

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24 JOANNE HORROCKS, CSR  
Senior Court Reporter

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1 THE CLERK: This is on the sentence calendar,  
2 the People against Jose Granados, SCI 2400N of 2009.

3 MS. FINKELSTEIN: On behalf of the People,  
4 Silvia Finkelstein for Jamie Johnson.

5 MR. MCCULLOUGH: And for Mr. Granados, Thomas  
6 McCullough, 37-06 82nd Street, Jackson Heights,  
7 New York. Good morning, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Good morning.

9 . THE CLERK: You are Jose Granados?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: And you appear with your  
12 attorney?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Counselor, is your client ready  
15 for sentence?

16 MR. MCCULLOUGH: He is.

17 THE CLERK: Do the People wish to be heard?

18 MS. FINKELSTEIN: Yes, your Honor. We have  
19 had extensive conferences in this case. We had one  
20 today where we discussed in detail the recommendations  
21 of the probation report as well as the sex offender  
22 conditions that were recommended by the Department of  
23 Probation, and we have come to an agreement. In  
24 addition, of course, we are urging you to impose the  
25 previous new recommended 10 years probation, and we ask

1 you that you issue a permanent order of protection in  
2 favor of the complainant in this matter and that we  
3 conduct a designation hearing under the sex offender  
4 registration act after you pass sentence.

5 THE COURT: Mr. McCullough, do you want to be  
6 heard?

7 MR. MCCULLOUGH: No, thank you, Judge.

8 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Granados, anything  
9 you want to say, sir?

10 THE DEFENDANT: That I'm very sorry, and I'm  
11 thankful, and I'm grateful for this opportunity.

12 THE COURT: Anything else?

13 THE DEFENDANT: I would follow whatever  
14 instructions you are imposing on me.

19 And unlike the typical conditions of  
20 probation, such as staying out of trouble, not getting  
21 rearrested, refraining from people and places where  
22 criminality is involved, and given the nature of your  
23 offense, your conditions are going to be rather strict  
24 and stringent. And I want to make a promise to you  
25 that if you fail to abide by the conditions of

1 probation or get rearrested for a new crime or for any  
2 reason you come anywhere near the complainant in this  
3 case, I can guarantee you are going to be going to  
4 jail. And it's not going to be here in East Meadow  
5 locally. It's going to be upstate. Do we understand  
6 each other?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

15 THE COURT: It is the judgment of this Court  
16 that for your plea to rape in the third degree on  
17 Docket 2400N of '09 and criminal sex act in the third  
18 degree for which you stand convicted in satisfaction  
19 thereof, you are hereby sentenced to 10 years  
20 probation, the terms and conditions of which will be  
21 given to you if they haven't already by my clerk to go  
22 over with your attorney, and please indicate and  
23 signify your consent by signing in the space provided.

24 There's a mandatory surcharge of \$300, a  
25 crime victim's fee of \$25 and a DNA database fee of

1                   \$50. In addition, there's a sex offender registration  
2                   fee of \$50 and a sex offender victim assistance fee,  
3                   which I believe is \$1,000. That's roughly by my  
4                   calculations about \$1,425.

5                   Mr. McCullough, how does your client intend  
6                   to pay, or does he need time to pay?

7                   MR. MCCULLOUGH: Judge, we would take time to  
8                   pay. Being from Queens, can he work that out through  
9                   victim services or probation? Or just give us a date,  
10                   and he'll pay it by that date, Judge.

11                   THE COURT: What I'll do, given the amount,  
12                   I'll give you a date three months out. Since it's not  
13                   restitution, I don't believe that probation, at least  
14                   in this county, gets involved in collecting these kind  
15                   of fees; on or about April 30th, 2010.

16                   MR. MCCULLOUGH: Thank you, Judge.

17                   THE COURT: And I have signed the order of  
18                   protection on behalf of the complainant in this case.

19                   THE CLERK: Serving on the defendant and  
20                   defense counsel a copy of the order of protection and  
21                   two copies on the District Attorney.

22                   MR. MCCULLOUGH: Acknowledge receipt.

23                   MS. FINKELSTEIN: The People acknowledge  
24                   receipt. Thank you very much, your Honor.

25                   THE CLERK: Also serving defendant with terms

1 and conditions of probation and the additional sex  
2 offender conditions.

3 MR. MCCULLOUGH: Acknowledge receipt.

4 MS. FINKELSTEIN: Your Honor, we have agreed  
5 on the assessment of the points, and I would like to  
6 put it on the record.

7 THE COURT: Yes, go ahead.

8 MS. FINKELSTEIN: With respect to the sex  
9 offender registration act risk assessment instrument,  
10 we have agreed upon the following points: 25 points  
11 under category number two, sexual contact with the  
12 victim in that there was sexual intercourse or deviate  
13 intercourse. Twenty points are being assessed in that  
14 there was a continuing course of sexual misconduct that  
15 expanded over a period of time, and 20 points have been  
16 assessed in that the age of the victim was between 11  
17 and 16 years old. In fact, she was 15. That brings us  
18 to a total of 65 points which renders the defendant  
19 level one sex offender.

20 With respect to the sex offender category,  
21 the defendant is not a sexual violent offender. He is  
22 not a predicate sex offender, and he is not a sexual  
23 predator. Therefore, his designation is none of the  
24 above.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. McCullough, do you

1 agree and so stipulate to these calculations set forth  
2 by the People?

3 MR. MCCULLOUGH: I do, Judge.

4 THE COURT: And you have no objection to your  
5 client being adjudicated a level one sex offender?

6 MR. MCCULLOUGH: No objection.

7 THE COURT: So he will be -- nor does the  
8 Court for that matter. So the defendant will be  
9 adjudicated a level one sex offender for purposes of  
10 the sex offender registry act.

11 THE CLERK: Serving defendant with a copy of  
12 the sex offender registration form.

13 Mr. Granados, you have the right to appeal  
14 the Court's sex offender risk level determination. The  
15 appeal must be brought pursuant to the CPLR Articles  
16 55, 56 and 57. Your assigned counsel will continue  
17 representing you throughout the pendency of the appeal.  
18 Two copies of a notice of appeal must be filed with  
19 this court within 30 days.

20 MR. MCCULLOUGH: Acknowledge receipt.

21 THE COURT: Okay, good luck to you.

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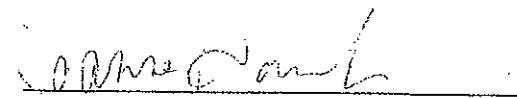
1 MR. MCCULLOUGH: Thank you.

2 MS. FINKELSTEIN: Thank you very much, Judge.

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5 stenographic notes taken in the above-captioned matter.

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**EXHIBIT E**

NASSAU COUNTY  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
262 OLD COUNTRY ROAD  
MINEOLA, NY 11501

## CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSITION - SUPERIOR COURT INFORMATION

DATE: 03/13/2015

CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSITION NUMBER: 212

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
VS.

CASE NUMBER: SCI-02400N-2009  
LOWER COURT NUMBER(S): 2009NA015998  
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2009NA016003  
DATE OF ARREST: 06/22/2009  
ARREST #: R0011545  
DATE OF BIRTH: 12/25/1975

GRANADOS, JOSE J

## DEFENDANT

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IT APPEARS FROM AN EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS  
ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE THAT ON 11/12/2009 BEFORE THE HONORABLE  
MCCORMACK, J THEN A JUDGE OF THIS COURT, THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT  
ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE CRIME(S) OF

RAPE 3rd DEGREE PL 130.25 02 EF  
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACT 3rd DEGREE PL 130.40 02 EF

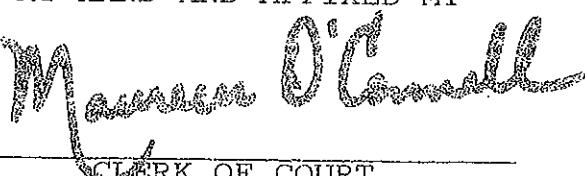
THAT ON 01/08/2010 THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT WAS SENTENCED  
BY THE HON. MCCORMACK, J, THEN A JUDGE OF THIS COURT TO

RAPE 3rd DEGREE PL 130.25 02 EF  
ORDER OF PROTECTION = 7 YEAR(S)  
PROBATION = 10 YEAR(S)

CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACT 3rd DEGREE PL 130.40 02 EF  
PROBATION = 10 YEAR(S)

CVAF = \$25 (PAID)  
DNA = \$50 (PAID)  
SURCHARGE = \$300 (PAID)  
SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION = \$1,050 (PAID)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED MY  
OFFICIAL SEAL ON THIS DATE 03/13/2015.



CLERK OF COURT

**EXHIBIT F**

By Sheila L. Bautista

Nearly four years ago, the United States Supreme Court decided *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 130 S.Ct. 1473 (2010), the landmark case that recognized the constitutional duty of criminal defense attorneys to advise their clients regarding the deportation consequences of pleading guilty. Of the many questions that developed in *Padilla*'s wake, perhaps the most fundamental was the issue of its retroactivity with respect to convictions that had become final prior to the Supreme Court's decision. Under *Teague v. Lane*, 489 U.S. 288 (1989), *Padilla*'s retroactivity effectively depended on whether the Court had announced a "new" rule, that is, whether *Padilla*'s holding had been "dictated by precedent existing at the time the defendant's conviction had become final." *Teague*, 489 U.S. at 301. Had the result in *Padilla* not been "apparent to all reasonable jurists" before it was decided, then it would not be given retroactive effect. See *Lambrix v. Singletary*, 520 U.S. 518, 527-28 (1997). On the other hand, had *Padilla* simply involved the application of the already existing ineffective assistance of counsel standard set forth in *Strickland v. Washington*, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984), to a particular set of facts, then it would apply retroactively.

New York courts weighed in on the issue prior to a ruling from the Supreme Court and found *Padilla* to be retroactive. Applying the *Teague* test, the First Department held in *People v. Baret*, 99 A.D.3d 408, 409 (1st Dept. 2012), that *Padilla* was not a new rule, but rather, "followed from the clearly established principles of the guarantee of effective of assistance of counsel under *Strickland*, and 'merely clarified the law as it applied to a particular set of facts'" (citations omitted). The Third Department agreed with this analysis in *People v. Rajpaul*, 97 A.D.3d 904 (3d Dept. 2012).

Last year, the Supreme Court had its own say in the matter. In a 7-2 decision, with Justice Elena Kagan writing for the majority, the Court ruled in *Chaidez v. United States*, 133 S.Ct. 1103 (2013), that *Padilla* was a new rule under *Teague* that did not apply retroactively to convictions that had already become final before March 31, 2010, the day the *Padilla* decision was announced. Key to this decision was the fact that *Padilla* marked the first time the Court had ever recognized an attorney's duty under the Sixth Amendment to advise a criminal defendant about collateral, non-criminal consequences of entering a guilty plea. Where *Padilla*'s threshold question involved whether *Strickland* was even applicable under the circumstances, the Court rejected the notion that *Padilla* was simply another "garden-variety" ineffective assistance of counsel analysis applied to a different set of facts. The *Chaidez* court also observed that the ruling in *Padilla* had overruled existing law in ten federal circuits and over thirty states which had previously held that defense attor-

neys were not obligated to provide advice to clients about collateral consequences of pleading guilty. Thus, *Padilla* had announced a result that had not been "apparent to all reasonable jurists." Indeed, prior to *Padilla*, although New York state courts recognized ineffective assistance of counsel claims when an attorney gave a criminal defendant incorrect advice regarding the deportation consequences of pleading guilty, *People v. McDonald*, 1 N.Y.3d 109 (2003), no such claim was recognized when an attorney failed to give any advice at all regarding such consequences. *People v. Ford*, 86 N.Y.2d 397 (1995). Since the Appellate Division in *Baret* had assessed *Padilla*'s retroactivity only under the *Teague* standard, *Chaidez* effectively overruled *Baret*, which the First Department later acknowledged in *People v. Verdejo*, 109 A.D.3d 138 (1st Dept. 2013).

The issue of *Padilla*'s retroactivity in New York did not end with *Chaidez*. *Danforth v. Minnesota*, 552 U.S. 264 (2008), allows states to apply rules of criminal procedure with broader retroactivity than the federal *Teague* standard would dictate. Thus, *Danforth* allows New York to determine for itself whether or not *Padilla* should be applied retroactively. Exactly which retroactivity standards New York will apply to *Padilla* remains an open question. Since *Danforth*, the Court of Appeals has not had occasion to determine whether it would continue to apply the *Teague* retroactivity test to cases that "fundamentally alter[ed] the Federal constitutional landscape," as it did in *People v. Eastman*, 85 N.Y.2d 265 (1995), which determined the retroactivity of a Supreme Court decision involving the Confrontation Clause. In deciding *Padilla*'s retroactivity, New York courts might also consider the three-part test in *People v. Pepper*, 53 N.Y.2d 213 (1981), which has been applied to new rules arising out of New York's own state court decisions. Those factors are: (1) the purpose to be served by the new standard, (2) the extent to which law enforcement authorities relied upon the old standard, and (3) the effect a retroactive application of the new standard would have on the administration of justice.

Since *Chaidez*, the First, Second, and Third Departments have held that *Padilla* is not retroactive. See *People v. Verdejo*, 109 A.D.3d 138 (1st Dept. 2013); *People v. Andrews*, 108 A.D.3d 727 (2d Dept. 2013); *People v. Bent*, 108 A.D.3d 882 (3d Dept. 2013). All three departments correctly followed the reasoning of *Chaidez* and found that *Padilla* was a new rule that was not to be given retroactive effect under *Teague*. The Second Department went one step further and applied New York's three-part *Pepper* test. Analyzing the first factor, which examines whether a new rule goes "to the heart of a reliable determination of guilt or innocence," the *Andrews* court found that advice about deportation consequences was "only collateral to or relatively far removed from the fact-finding process at trial,"

and thus weighed in favor of prospective application. The *Andrews* court also recognized law enforcement reliance on New York's pre-*Padilla* standards, which allowed prosecutors to recommend acceptance of plea allocutions even if a defendant had not been advised of deportation consequences. Finally, the Second Department observed that retroactive application of *Padilla* would "potentially lead to an influx of CPL 440.10 motions to vacate the convictions of defendant whose guilty pleas were properly entered and accepted by courts under the old standard." Accordingly, the Second Department held that all three factors weighed against *Padilla*'s retroactive application.

*Andrews* remains binding authority on trial-level courts throughout the state until another department or the Court of Appeals makes its own ruling on the matter. See *Mountain View Coach Lines, Inc. v. Storms*, 102 A.D.2d 663 (2d Dept. 1984), accord *People v. Turner*, 5 N.Y.3d 476

(2005). The Court of Appeals will have an opportunity rule on *Padilla*'s retroactivity in *Baret*, for which leave was granted last year. It remains to be seen whether the Court will assess *Padilla*'s retroactivity only under federal *Teague* standard, or whether it will also decide the *Danforth* issue. *Baret* was decided in the Appellate Division prior to *Chaidez* and involved only an analysis under *Teague*, but the defendant in *Baret* has filed a brief urging the Court to also assess *Padilla*'s retroactivity under *Pepper*. The People argue that defendant's *Pepper*-based claims are unpreserved, but also contend that even under New York's retroactivity standards, *Padilla* should only apply prospectively.

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STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF NASSAU  
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

-against-

JOSE DEJESUS GRANADOS,

Defendant.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )

ss.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU )

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I, Ellen Luxmore, being duly sworn deposes and says: I am not a party to the above-captioned action; I am over 18 years of age and reside in Baldwin, New York.

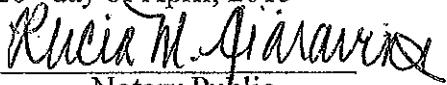
On April 20, 2015, I served the within **Notice of Motion** by mailing a true copy of same in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid thereon in a post office or official depository of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, to the following persons set forth below:

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ELLEN LUXMORE

Sworn to before me this

20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

  
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Notary Public

